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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 159 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/50/834.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item further at its 46th and 48th meetings, on 18 and 26 March 1996, in conjunction with its continued consideration of items 116 and 138 (a). Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's further consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.46 and 48).

3. In addition to the documents listed in paragraph 3 of document A/50/834, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the special representatives, envoys and related positions (A/C.5/49/50) and the third report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on special representatives, envoys and related positions (A/50/7/Add.2).

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II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/50/L.31

4. At the 48th meeting, on 26 March 1996, following informal consultations, the representative of Armenia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Special representatives, envoys and related positions" (A/C.5/50/L.31).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.31 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Special representatives, envoys and related positions

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 48/259 of 14 July 1994,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee as contained in its report;

3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the number of special envoys, special representatives and other special high-level positions is kept at a minimum, that their functions and responsibilities are more clearly defined and streamlined, avoiding any possible duplication, and that current financial regulations and budgetary procedures are fully complied with, and requests him to report on the action he has taken in this regard to the General Assembly at its resumed fiftieth session.

1/ A/C.5/49/50.

2/ A/50/7/Add.2.